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In re application of

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For: INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND RECORDING METHOD THEREFOR

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 33-42 have been examined. Claims 33-35 and 37-42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claim 36 contains allowable subject matter.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of JP 3-49236 to Ikeda ("Ikeda") and U.S. Patent No. 6,739,776 to Hinson ("Hinson")

The Examiner has rejected claims 33, 34, 37-39, 41 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ikeda in view of Hinson.